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STOLEN IDEAS

AFTER all the discussion over the peace congress and a proposed league of nations it turns out that there is nothing new about it. All that Wilson has said has been appropriated bodily from his old friend and later enemy who embodied every principle in his treaties during the time he occupied the position of secretary of state. The league was his one inmost hobby which he tried in his humble pacific way to engrain on others without any of the compelling influences of warships or millions of men. Bryan simply sought the means of ending the possibility of war. His whole soul was centered in the thought which, possibly, he discussed in his intimate moments with the White House autocrat before the bee of dictatorship began buzzing in the latter's Jersey bonnet. This time the schoolmaster proved himself an apt pupil for he seems to have treasured the pearls of wisdom which the Nebraska statesman tossed in his path with apparently the sole thought of coining them into a priceless asset when the opportunity offered. Mr. Wilson, with the self assertive I cultivated the gems cast off by the hero of the Baltimore convention in the nursery of his mind where they expanded and flourished until they matured the original concept of Mr. Woodrow Wilson to be palmed off on the world as his own incubation. The retirement of Mr. Bryan eventuated as the logical sequel to the encounter of an irresistible body that meets an immovable object with the result that the eloquent Commoner was cast into the discard and his ideas were left moulting in the archives of state at Washington. Bryan was a mighty good press agent in his virile days and he never dreamt that he could be excelled in that quarter although he never contemplated the possibility of carrying around a publicity bureau directed by such an ardent votary of power as George Creel. Bryan had the ideas but he lacked the appalling nerve of the president to force a whole nation of freemen to bow down and adore a brain that was more expedient in adaptation than in originating.

KEEPING FAITH WITH THE FARMERS

THIS is the one overwhelming thought with the administration for which a hundred million Americans are asked to shoulder a burden of indirect taxation that never has had an equal. The country must pay two and three times the price for wheat so as to vindicate the administration with the agrarian population which has fattened off the distress of the universe while all other lines of industry submitted in humble acquiescence to what was proposed as a war measure. Bread has been denied the poor, meat has become obsolete as a table adornment while beverages have been banished from the poor man's menu. Citizens of every grade and status have prostrated themselves in the dust that the juggernaut of agriculture should not sustain a jolt in traversing the rough roads of hostilities. Consumers have endured all manners of privations that the farmer might enjoy his millennium with inordinate prices contributing to his bank account. Income taxes have laid a light hand on the spinached gentlemen who have been buying tractors and limousines from their profiteering while the remainder of us have been content to walk since trolley fares got beyond our reach. All of this was done in the name of patriotism and we were thankful that we were able to donate our mite to the cause of helping our country win the war but, now that war is over and the hideous specter has been relegated to Holland, we are importuned to continue our sacrifices that the farmer may prolong his amours with Croesus. The general revenue bill contains an item of \$1,250,000,000 for the department of agriculture providing for the purchase of the 1919 wheat crop by the government at the established price of \$2.26 a bushel. This bill is offered as a measure for keeping faith with the farmers. In paying American farmers \$2.26 a bushel in competition with the world it is apparent that the losses must be met in one or two ways—either by maintaining the price of flour and wheat so as to impose the burden on the consumer or by making good the guarantee to the farmer out of the federal treasury.

There is more money in farming than the wildest shipbuilder ever conjured in his wildest dreams but the end is the same—the money must come out of the pockets of taxpayers who have no farms to till or wheat to peddle under the protection of a benign though misguided paternal government.

Why not apply the same principle to other divisions of industry? Copper, lead, tungsten, manganese, chrome and zinc were just as essential to the successful prosecution of the war as the products of the farm but no voice has been raised in defense of the tens of thousands of mine workers who have been ruthlessly robbed of their living overnight by one swift stroke of the pen cancelling all contracts and leaving the metal producers bereft of their sole support. If there is any class of men entitled to special consideration in the readjustment of industrial economies it is the man who digs the raw metal bearing ores from their grimy seclusion in the matrix of nature. In spite of the unwavering loyalty of the miner he is the one who is chosen for the goat of an administration which rushed blindly into peace without a moment's preparedness.

Even the military manifestation of the United States does not seem to appeal to Europe since one power has seen fit to insult the American standard with impunity. It may be necessary to send another army over the pond to whip some of these thick-headed foreigners into acknowledgement of the fact that the United States is a fighting nation instead of a nation of money worshipers as taught by the fiasco of our airplane construction and the Hog Island disclosures.

Nevada is standing still trying to find the idea in that ten columns of brain matter which Governor Boyle coaxed out in the name of a message.

Boyle is a good type of the Wilson Democrat when it comes to a non-partisan administration. His idea of non-partisanship is to carry on wherever he sees a Republican in office.

The peace congress is talking of hanging the kaiser by the Hague rules. What's the matter with hanging him by the neck, by heck?

MAY GIVE UP GERMAN IN MILWAUKEE SCHOOLS

(By Associated Press)
 MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 24.—The teaching of the German language in Milwaukee grade schools may disappear entirely when the new semester begins in February. In only one school in the city now is German being taught and, under the resolution of the school board abolishing foreign language instruction, it would be discontinued at the end of the term in June.

In 1916, 200 teachers were employed to give instruction in the German language to 30,000 pupils and at the end of 1918, only one teacher was employed to instruct 400 pupils in the German language.

One of the final instances in connection with the elimination of Ger-

man instruction came with the recent announcement that Leo Stern, assistant superintendent of schools in charge of the foreign language department, had resigned. The school board last August voted to abolish the foreign language department, at the end of the present year. Mr. Stern's term expires June 30. Mr. Stern in his letter to the school board said that after a service of 35 years in the Milwaukee schools, he felt that he was "entitled to a rest."

Mr. Stern was president of the Wisconsin branch of the German-American alliance from the time of its organization in 1905 until it was disbanded in 1917. He was also at one time a vice-president of the national organization.

STYLE OF FIGHTING AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

(Correspondence Associated Press)

WITH AMERICAN FORCES ON THE VOLOGDA RAILWAY Nov. 25.

—Via London, Dec. 30.—When operating through this thinly populated forest and tundra region along the railway leading from Archangel to Vologda, the American troops fighting the Bolsheviki in the north Russian front are living, when free from trench and blockhouse duty, in tiny Russian freight cars.

In this they are imitating the Russian soldiers, who, since the revolution, have commandeered freight

FOHL'S FOURTH YEAR WITH CLEVELAND TEAM

(By Associated Press)
 CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 24.—Supporters of the Cleveland Americans unanimously approve the action of President James C. Dunn in re-electing Lee Fohl manager of the club for 1919. It will be Fohl's fourth year.

Fohl and President Dunn will attend the joint meeting of the major leagues in New York this month, determined to arrange a trade for Outfielder Bobby Roth that will strengthen the club. Six of the eight clubs in the American league have made offers for him. President Dunn will demand players, if a trade is made, instead of a cash consideration.

Concerning the report that Tris Speaker was being considered to succeed Fohl, President Dunn said that Speaker did not want the position and besides was too valuable to be handicapped with the worries of the management.

"Fohl has been with me long enough to convince me that I would have to search hard for a better man," President Dunn said. "He has maintained harmony on the team and knows the game. He has been successful in the development of players. I am confident he would have won the pennant last season if the race had gone on to October. As it was, Cleveland finished in second place with a corking good record."

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MICKIE SAYS

YEP, THEY'S SCADS OF GOOD FELLERS AROUND THIS HERE TOWN, BUT THE BEST OF 'EM ARE THE FELLERS WHO BRING IN THEIR COPY AN ADS EARLY SO WE AINT RUSHED TO DEATH GITTIN' OUT THE PAPER ON TIME! NO?

YOU SAID SOMETHING, MICKIE!



HAWAII HAS WORK FOR HER SOLDIERS

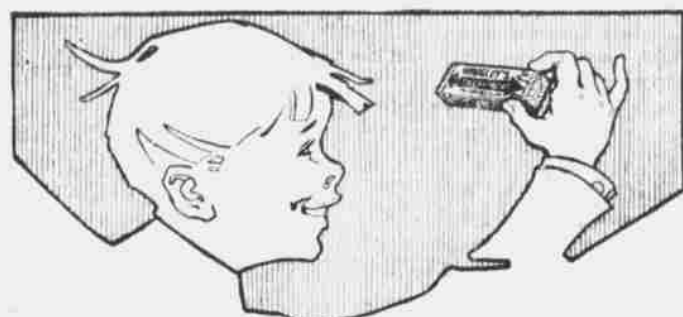
(By Associated Press)

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 22.—(By Mail)—Hawaii is awaiting the demobilization of thousands of men who were inducted into service here and replaced the garrison of regulars who were withdrawn to the main land. There is no labor problem of consequence to be solved as a large majority of the men are plantation laborers when they were selected for service and their former employers, the sugar planters, are more than anxious to have them back, having struggled with a critical labor shortage for many months.

Many of the demobilized soldiers, it is expected, will take advantage of the homesteading program now being carried out by the territorial government and will obtain sugar farms for themselves. Thousands of acres of sugar cane land, which for years past have been leased to plantations, are now being subdivided for homesteading as the leases expire. The homesteaders pay the appraised value of the lands to the territory, being given five years in which to establish themselves.

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